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Report of the Minimum Wages Advisory Committee

* 5 *S.N. Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Minimum Wages Advisory Committee constituted to go into the question of wages of the employees under the local bodies has submitted its report;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(*c*) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon by the Government?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A copy of the proceedings of the Advisory Committee has been placed in the Library of the Legislature.

(*c*) The recommendations of the Advisory Committee have been accepted and the minimum wages fixed for the employment under any local authority have been accordingly revised.

Block Development Officers in Kanyakumari district

* 233 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many vacancies arose in the posts of Block Development Officers after 1st November 1956 in Kanyakumari district?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Three vacancies.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : May I know, Sir, whether the vacancies have been filled up?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : May I know, Sir, the minimum qualification for these posts and whether the officers promoted possess the qualification and whether they were actually holding the post of Block Development Officer prior to their appointment.

Mr. SPEAKER : These come under the day-to-day administration of the Government. They cannot form part of the question. If the Hon. Minister is willing to answer the question I have no objection.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would only say, properly qualified persons have been appointed.

Policemen union

* 234 *Q.*—Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have allowed the City Policemen to revive their old Policemen Union?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The answer is in the negative.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMY PILLAI: How is it that the Government are not coming forward to give their own employees, the right to organize their own union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This Union had been in existence for some time and then it had been mostly dorment are not coming forward to give their own employees, the contributed towards indiscipline in the Police ranks. And the hon. Members will appreciate that the maintenance of discipline is very essential. Therefore Government do not propose to permit the revival of this union.

Officers drawing over Rs. 500

* 235 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers getting salary over Rs. 500 a month during 1956–57;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred towards travelling allowance of these officers during 1956–57; and

(*c*) the number of officers among them that were sent to foreign countries, for higher studies at Government expense during 1956–57?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) 753.

(*b*) Rs. 9,77,790.

(*c*) 15.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN: May I know whether the Government have advised these officers to make any voluntary cut in their pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Have the Indian Government contributed anything towards this expenditure, that is on foreign tours?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: These are officers who get their salaries from the Madras Government.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Cannot the Hon. Minister tell us whether they were sent for higher studies or on deputation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The question is specifically about higher studies. The answer therefore relates only to that.